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5 NABBED BY ICE FOR MONEY LAUNDERING AND NARCOTICS SMUGGLING

-More than \$600,000 laundered through electronic wire money transfers-

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Five individuals alleged to have laundered more than \$600,000 were arrested here this morning by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents along with other federal and state officers.

Jorge Granvielli-Ramos, Orlando Pereira-Rivera, Milton Pereira-Colon, Alejandrino Miranda-Matos and Jeannette Rivera-Diaz were arrested in Comerio following an ICE-led investigation that revealed that they conspired to conduct illegal financial transactions that involved the proceeds of unlawful activity such as the manufacture, importation and distribution of controlled substances.

According to the five-count indictment, the defendants allegedly arranged the delivery and transfer of narcotics proceeds of more than \$600,000 and conspired to launder the money by making electronic transfers to different U.S. bank accounts.

As a result of counts one through five of the indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States all money or property linked to each illegal transaction. These include \$642,018 and several properties located in Cidra and Comerio, Puerto Rico.

The defendants may face a sentence of up to 20 years in prison if found guilty.

The public is reminded that a criminal indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial and the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.